

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
5 Sections 4-33, 5-43, and 6-79 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/4-33)

7 Sec. 4-33. Computerization of voter records.

8 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a
9 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided
10 in this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election
11 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter
12 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board
13 shall prescribe the form and specifications, including but
14 not limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the
15 cards. The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the
16 information required under Sections 4-8 and 4-21; provided
17 that the cards shall also contain a box or space for the
18 applicant's social security number, which shall be required
19 to the extent allowed by law but in no case shall the
20 applicant provide fewer than the last 4 digits of the social
21 security number, and a box for the applicant's telephone
22 number, if available.

23 (b) The election authority may develop and implement a
24 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter
25 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of
26 the signature of each voter. The computer-based voter
27 registration file may be used for all purposes for which the
28 original registration cards are to be used, provided that a
29 system for the storage of at least one copy of the original
30 registration cards remains in effect. The electronic file
31 shall be the master file.

1 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under
2 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following
3 standards:

4 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration
5 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the
6 election authority, and each access to the computer-based
7 voter registration file, other than an access solely for
8 inquiry, shall be recorded.

9 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of
10 any computer-based voter registration file that includes
11 any computer-stored image of the signature of any
12 registered voter shall be made available to the public
13 outside of the offices of the election authority.

14 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of
15 any computer-based voter registration file that includes
16 a computer-stored image of the signature of a registered
17 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot
18 be reproduced.

19 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an
20 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison
21 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made
22 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature
23 of the registered voter.

24 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based
25 voter registration file that includes computer-stored
26 images of the signatures of registered voters and is used
27 in a polling place during an election shall be preserved
28 by the election authority in secure storage until the end
29 of the second calendar year following the election in
30 which it was used.

31 (d) Before the first election in which the election
32 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the
33 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters
34 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature

1 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections
2 shall certify that the system used by the election authority
3 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The
4 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list
5 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy
6 of the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of
7 the signatures of the registered voters.

8 (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all
9 of its voter signatures into a computer-based registration
10 file, all references in this Act or any other Act to the use,
11 other than storage, of paper-based voter registration records
12 shall be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

13 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election
14 authority from submitting to the State Board of Elections a
15 duplicate copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall
16 determine, or all of the data contained in each voter
17 registration record that is part of the electronic master
18 file. The duplicate copy of the registration record shall be
19 maintained by the State Board of Elections under the same
20 terms and limitations applicable to the election authority
21 and shall be of equal legal dignity with the original
22 registration record maintained by the election authority as
23 proof of any fact contained in the voter registration record.

24 (Source: P.A. 91-73, eff. 7-9-99.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/5-43)

26 Sec. 5-43. Computerization of voter records.

27 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a
28 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided
29 in this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election
30 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter
31 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board
32 shall prescribe the form and specifications, including but
33 not limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the

1 cards. The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the
2 information required under Sections 5-7 and 5-28.1; provided
3 that the cards shall also contain a box or space for the
4 applicant's social security number, which shall be required
5 to the extent allowed by law but in no case shall the
6 applicant provide fewer than the last 4 digits of the social
7 security number, and a box for the applicant's telephone
8 number, if available.

9 (b) The election authority may develop and implement a
10 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter
11 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of
12 the signature of each voter. The computer-based voter
13 registration file may be used for all purposes for which the
14 original registration cards are to be used, provided that a
15 system for the storage of at least one copy of the original
16 registration cards remains in effect. The electronic file
17 shall be the master file.

18 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under
19 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following
20 standards:

21 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration
22 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the
23 election authority, and each access to the computer-based
24 voter registration file, other than an access solely for
25 inquiry, shall be recorded.

26 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of
27 any computer-based voter registration file that includes
28 any computer-stored image of the signature of any
29 registered voter shall be made available to the public
30 outside of the offices of the election authority.

31 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of
32 any computer-based voter registration file that includes
33 a computer-stored image of the signature of a registered
34 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot

1 be reproduced.

2 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an
3 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison
4 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made
5 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature
6 of the registered voter.

7 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based
8 voter registration file that includes computer-stored
9 images of the signatures of registered voters and is used
10 in a polling place during an election shall be preserved
11 by the election authority in secure storage until the end
12 of the second calendar year following the election in
13 which it was used.

14 (d) Before the first election in which the election
15 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the
16 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters
17 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature
18 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections
19 shall certify that the system used by the election authority
20 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The
21 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list
22 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy
23 of the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of
24 the signatures of the registered voters.

25 (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all
26 of its voter signatures into a computer-based registration
27 file, all references in this Act or any other Act to the use,
28 other than storage, of paper-based voter registration records
29 shall be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

30 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election
31 authority from submitting to the State Board of Elections a
32 duplicate copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall
33 determine, or all of the data contained in each voter
34 registration record that is part of the electronic master

1 file. The duplicate copy of the registration record shall be
2 maintained by the State Board of Elections under the same
3 terms and limitations applicable to the election authority
4 and shall be of equal legal dignity with the original
5 registration record maintained by the election authority as
6 proof of any fact contained in the voter registration record.

7 (Source: P.A. 91-73, eff. 7-9-99.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/6-79)

9 Sec. 6-79. Computerization of voter records.

10 (a) The State Board of Elections shall design a
11 registration record card that, except as otherwise provided
12 in this Section, shall be used in duplicate by all election
13 authorities in the State adopting a computer-based voter
14 registration file as provided in this Section. The Board
15 shall prescribe the form and specifications, including but
16 not limited to the weight of paper, color, and print of the
17 cards. The cards shall contain boxes or spaces for the
18 information required under Sections 6-31.1 and 6-35; provided
19 that the cards shall also contain a box or space for the
20 applicant's social security number, which shall be required
21 to the extent allowed by law but in no case shall the
22 applicant provide fewer than the last 4 digits of the social
23 security number, and a box for the applicant's telephone
24 number, if available.

25 (b) The election authority may develop and implement a
26 system to prepare, use, and maintain a computer-based voter
27 registration file that includes a computer-stored image of
28 the signature of each voter. The computer-based voter
29 registration file may be used for all purposes for which the
30 original registration cards are to be used, provided that a
31 system for the storage of at least one copy of the original
32 registration cards remains in effect. The electronic file
33 shall be the master file.

1 (c) Any system created, used, and maintained under
2 subsection (b) of this Section shall meet the following
3 standards:

4 (1) Access to any computer-based voter registration
5 file shall be limited to those persons authorized by the
6 election authority, and each access to the computer-based
7 voter registration file, other than an access solely for
8 inquiry, shall be recorded.

9 (2) No copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of
10 any computer-based voter registration file that includes
11 any computer-stored image of the signature of any
12 registered voter shall be made available to the public
13 outside of the offices of the election authority.

14 (3) Any copy, summary, list, abstract, or index of
15 any computer-based voter registration file that includes
16 a computer-stored image of the signature of a registered
17 voter shall be produced in such a manner that it cannot
18 be reproduced.

19 (4) Each person desiring to vote shall sign an
20 application for a ballot, and the signature comparison
21 authorized in Articles 17 and 18 of this Code may be made
22 to a copy of the computer-stored image of the signature
23 of the registered voter.

24 (5) Any voter list produced from a computer-based
25 voter registration file that includes computer-stored
26 images of the signatures of registered voters and is used
27 in a polling place during an election shall be preserved
28 by the election authority in secure storage until the end
29 of the second calendar year following the election in
30 which it was used.

31 (d) Before the first election in which the election
32 authority elects to use a voter list produced from the
33 computer-stored images of the signatures of registered voters
34 in a computer-based voter registration file for signature

1 comparison in a polling place, the State Board of Elections
2 shall certify that the system used by the election authority
3 complies with the standards set forth in this Section. The
4 State Board of Elections may request a sample poll list
5 intended to be used in a polling place to test the accuracy
6 of the list and the adequacy of the computer-stored images of
7 the signatures of the registered voters.

8 (e) With respect to a jurisdiction that has copied all
9 of its voter signatures into a computer-based registration
10 file, all references in this Act or any other Act to the use,
11 other than storage, of paper-based voter registration records
12 shall be deemed to refer to their computer-based equivalents.

13 (f) Nothing in this Section prevents an election
14 authority from submitting to the State Board of Elections a
15 duplicate copy of some, as the State Board of Elections shall
16 determine, or all of the data contained in each voter
17 registration record that is part of the electronic master
18 file. The duplicate copy of the registration record shall be
19 maintained by the State Board of Elections under the same
20 terms and limitations applicable to the election authority
21 and shall be of equal legal dignity with the original
22 registration record maintained by the election authority as
23 proof of any fact contained in the voter registration record.

24 (Source: P.A. 91-73, eff. 7-9-99.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.